

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**SENATE STATE AFFAIRS STANDING COMMITTEE**

February 16, 2010

9:04 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Senator Linda Menard, Chair  
Senator Kevin Meyer, Vice Chair  
Senator Hollis French

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Senator Albert Kookesh  
Senator Joe Paskvan

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

SENATE BILL NO. 265

"An Act making corrective amendments to the Alaska Statutes as recommended by the revisor of statutes; and providing for an effective date."

- MOVED SB 265 OUT OF COMMITTEE

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION**

BILL: SB 265

SHORT TITLE: 2010 REVISOR'S BILL

SPONSOR(S): RULES BY REQUEST OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

02/08/10	(S)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
02/08/10	(S)	STA, JUD
02/16/10	(S)	STA AT 9:00 AM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)

**WITNESS REGISTER**

KATHRYN KURTZ, Assistant revisor of statutes  
Legal Services  
Legislative Affairs Agency  
Juneau, AK

**POSITION STATEMENT:** Provided information on SB 265.

**ACTION NARRATIVE**

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**CHAIR LINDA MENARD** called the Senate State Affairs Standing Committee meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Present at the call to order were Senators French, Meyer and Menard.

**SB 265-2010 REVISOR'S BILL**

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CHAIR MENARD said the first order of business to come before the committee was SB 265. She said SB 265 is a housekeeping measure designed to fix and update the statute books.

KATHRYN KURTZ, assistant revisor of statutes, Legislative Legal Services, said SB 265 is a cleanup bill and is the annual opportunity to fix mistakes that have crept into the statutes, to address provisions that have become obsolete and to otherwise correct deficiencies. SB 265 does not change the substance or the policy of the law at all. She said the sectional analysis explains each change.

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She said she had one phone call and that was from the Alaska Municipal League asking if Section 16 on page 9, line 16, changed anything for people who were currently trying to make municipal land selections. Her answer was that sections 16 and 17 of the SB 265 make the usage of the term "vacant, unappropriated, unreserved land" consistent with the statutory definition and so she didn't think it would make any difference. She said that Deborah Behr, Department of Law, had reviewed SB 265 and did not come back with any concerns.

CHAIR MENARD asked if the Municipality of Anchorage had that question.

MS. KURTZ replied no and reiterated that the question came from the Alaska Municipal League; Anchorage was not mentioned.

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SENATOR FRENCH asked what the repealer on page 11, line 28, to a relatively new statute on identity theft takes out.

MS. KURTZ answered that nothing is being taken out except the notation that something has been repealed.

SENATOR FRENCH clarified that the word, "repealed" occurred in statute and is now being deleted.

MS. KURTZ replied that was correct.

SENATOR FRENCH asked if that is what happened on page 12.

MS. KURTZ replied no, and added that he was referring to Section 21 on page 12 that relies on two statutes that will be repealed elsewhere in a different bill. They have a delayed repeal and when it kicks in, AS 41.21.506(b) will not make sense, because the statutes it relies on will no longer exist.

SENATOR FRENCH asked what subject AS 41.21.506(b) affects generally.

MS. KURTZ replied that AS 41.21.506(b) has an exception for sport fishing operators.

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SENATOR FRENCH referred to page 3, line 20, and noted that Chair Menard might be happy to see "root planning" was replaced with "root planing", a dental cleanup. He also asked about the repetition on line 28 which read:

(10) "limited liability partnership" means a **limited liability partnership.**"

Senator French asked if this could be more clear and brief.

MS. KURTZ answered that the term is in quotes because it is defined in AS 32.06. Sometimes a few words are wasted in the interest of clarity, but if this language was unclear, she said she would be happy to take a different approach.

SENATOR FRENCH said SB 265 goes to the Judiciary Committee next and he would think this over.

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MS. KURTZ said she had no further comments.

CHAIR MENARD closed public testimony.

SENATOR MEYER moved to report SB 265 from committee with individual recommendations and attached fiscal note(s). There being no objection, the motion carried.

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CHAIR MENARD, seeing no further business before the committee, adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.